

DNREC issues Secretary's Order and penalty notice to Oakwood Village at Lewes LLC for sediment and stormwater violations

DOVER – DNREC Secretary David Small has issued a Notice of Administrative Penalty Assessment and Secretary's Order to Oakwood Village at Lewes LLC (Oakwood Village) for violations of Delaware's sediment and stormwater regulations, and Regulations Governing the Control of Water Pollution. The order includes an administrative penalty of \$36,900 and an additional \$5,535 in cost recovery reimbursement to DNREC.

Oakwood Village is a multi-phase subdivision in Sussex County comprising almost 64 acres with 115 single family units. The subdivision is being built in phases and is in the process of completing the final phase. Unless exempted under state law and Delaware's sediment and stormwater Regulations, any entity disturbing land greater than 5,000 square feet (one-eighth acre) must comply with its approved sediment and stormwater management plan from DNREC or its delegated agencies.

The Sussex Conservation District referred Oakwood Village to DNREC for enforcement action in July 2014. Subsequent construction site reviews at Oakwood Village found six violations between July and October of 2014. The violations cited by DNREC were: deficiencies of the stabilized construction entrance, inlet protection, vegetative stabilization, silt fence, and maintenance.

The Secretary's Order can be found on DNREC's website at http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/Info/Pages/SecOrders_Enforcement

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Oakwood Village has 30 days to request a public hearing.

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